

From the ACCRA Cost of Living Index (COLI)  
Year-End Review of Three Quarters in 2007  
Comparison of Ten of the Largest Texas Cities/Metropolitan Areas  
(Cities/Metro areas are listed in alphabetical order)

| Texas (Cities)<br>Metro/Urban Area         | 100 %<br>Composite<br>Index | 13 %<br>Grocery<br>Items | 28%<br>Housing | 10%<br>Utilities | 10%<br>Transportation | 4%<br>Healthcare | 35%<br>Miscellaneous Goods &<br>Services |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--|
| Austin-Round Rock,<br>TX (Metro)           | 94.5                        | 89.8                     | 80.8           | 94.7             | 99.2                  | 98.1             | 105.3                                    |
| Beaumont-Port<br>Arthur TX (Metro)         | 92.6                        | 88.3                     | 86.6           | 94.5             | 94.5                  | 94.8             | 97.7                                     |
| Corpus Christi, TX<br>(Metro)              | 88.2                        | 82.0                     | 79.9           | 98.2             | 93.3                  | 87.4             | 92.8                                     |
| Dallas-Plano-Irving,<br>TX (Metro)         | 91.2                        | 99.0                     | 71.5           | 98.6             | 103.4                 | 101.6            | 97.4                                     |
| El Paso, TX (Metro)                        | 93.0                        | 112.1                    | 78.5           | 95.6             | 99.2                  | 100.3            | 94.3                                     |
| Ft. Worth-Arlington,<br>TX (Metro)         | 88.2                        | 95.3                     | 74.0           | 97.9             | 97.7                  | 90.1             | 91.1                                     |
| Houston-Sugar Land-<br>Baytown, TX (Metro) | 87.7                        | 83.1                     | 73.5           | 100.6            | 96.2                  | 101.2            | 93.0                                     |
| Killeen-Temple-Ft.<br>Hood TX (Metro)      | 88.7                        | 80.6                     | 74.8           | 107.6            | 97.2                  | 90.9             | 94.7                                     |
| San Antonio, TX<br>(Metro)                 | 94.1                        | 83.7                     | 84.1           | 83.5             | 100.1                 | 102.5            | 106.4                                    |
| Waco TX (Metro)                            | 89.3                        | 81.4                     | 78.3           | 99.2             | 94.8                  | 97.2             | 95.7                                     |

ACCRA Cost of Living Index  
The Ten Most Expensive Urban Areas (Extract from Press Release)  
Year-End Review of Three Quarters in 2007  
National Average for 303 Urban Areas = 100  
(Comparing the Houston, Texas 100% Composite Index to the 1 – 10<sup>th</sup> Ranked Most Expensive Urban Areas)

| RANKING | URBAN AREAS  | COL INDEX (100% COMPOSITE) |
|---------|--|----------------------------|
| 1       | New York (Manhattan) NY                            | 212.8                      |
| 2       | San Francisco CA                                   | 168.5                      |
| 3       | Honolulu HI  | 163.1                      |
| 4       | Orange County CA                                   | 155.0                      |
| 5       | San Jose CA  | 154.2                      |
| 6       | Nassau County NY                                   | 153.1                      |
| 7       | New York (Queens) NY                               | 148.6                      |
| 8       | Stamford CT  | 147.6                      |
| 9       | Oakland CA   | 146.6                      |
| 10      | Los Angeles-Long Beach CA                          | 144.6                      |
| N/A     | Houston –Sugar Land–Baytown TX (Metro) Houston, TX | 87.7                       |

The Five Most Expensive Places to Buy a Half Gallon of Milk  
Averaged over Three Quarters in 2007  
Average for 303 Urban Areas in 2007 = \$1.52

| RANKING | URBAN AREAS  | PRICE  |
|---------|--|--------|
| 1       | Honolulu HI  | \$3.43 |
| 2       | Tacoma WA  | \$2.82 |
| 3       | Fresno CA  | \$2.71 |
| 4       | Kodiak AK  | \$2.70 |
| 5       | Slidell-St Tammany Parish LA                       | \$2.70 |
| N/A     | Houston –Sugar Land–Baytown TX (Metro) Houston, TX | \$2.13 |

The ACCRA Cost of Living Index measures differences in the cost of consumer goods and services, excluding taxes and non-consumer expenditures, for professional and managerial households in the top quintile. It is based on more than 50,000 prices covering 60 different items for which prices are collected quarterly by chambers of commerce, economic development organizations or university applied economic centers in each participating urban area. Small difference should not be interpreted as showing a measurable difference.

*The composite index is based on six components – housing, utilities, grocery items, transportation, health care and miscellaneous goods and services.*

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